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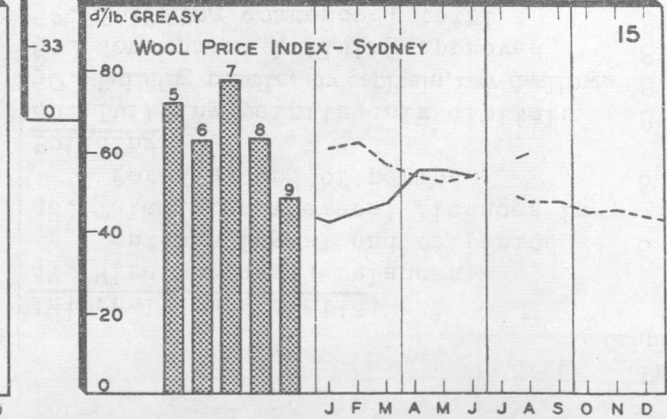
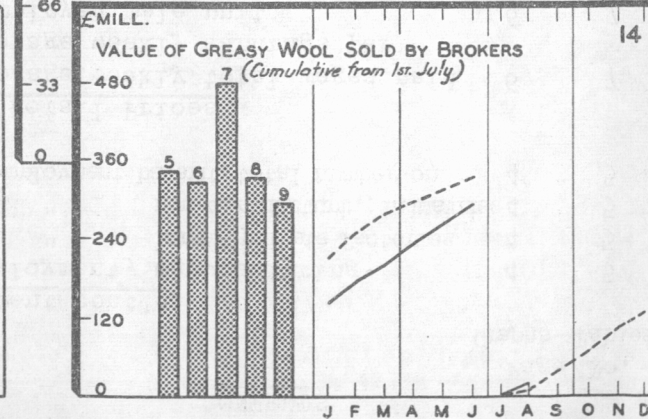
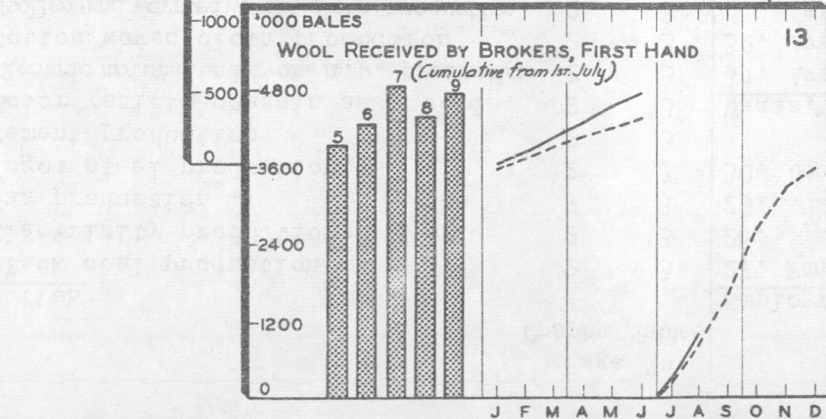
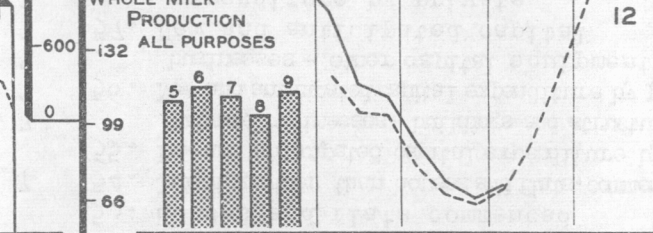
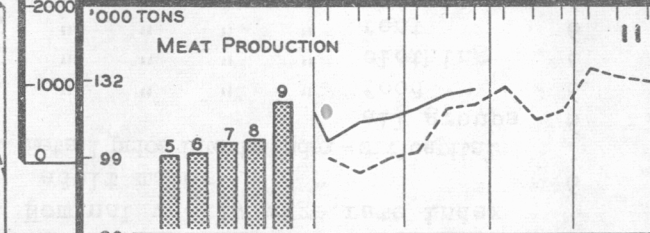
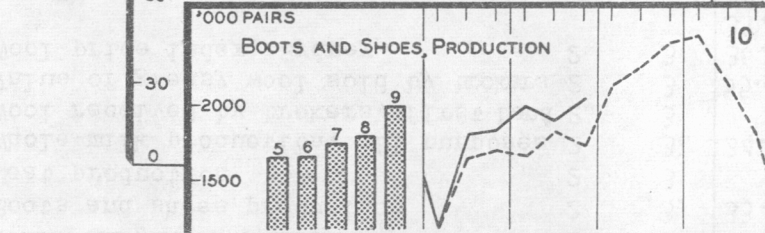
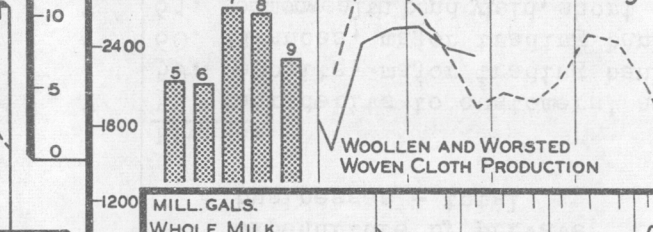
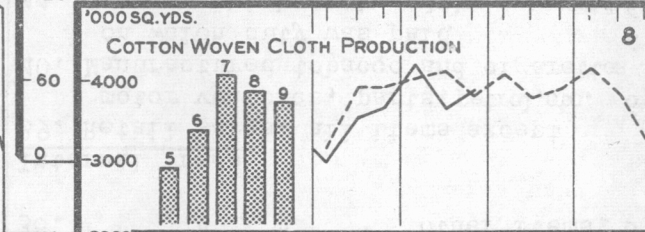
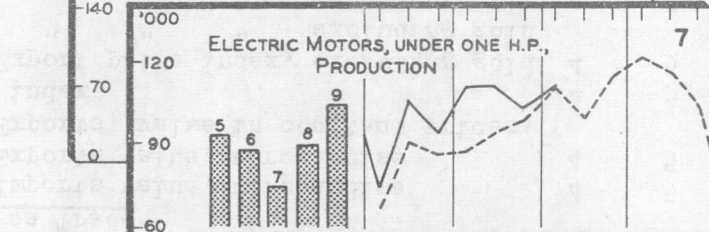
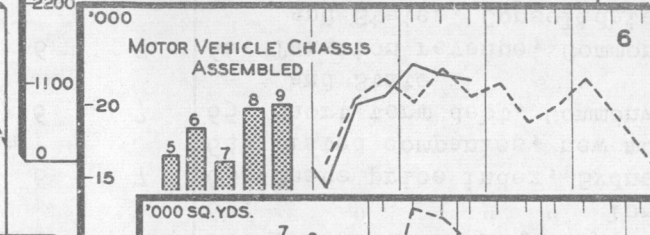
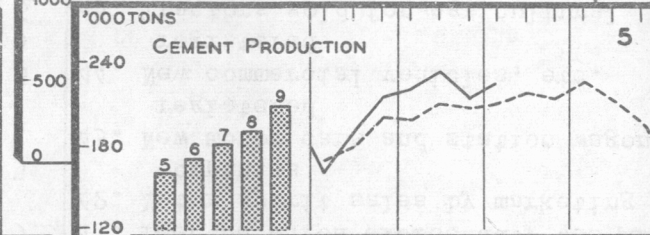
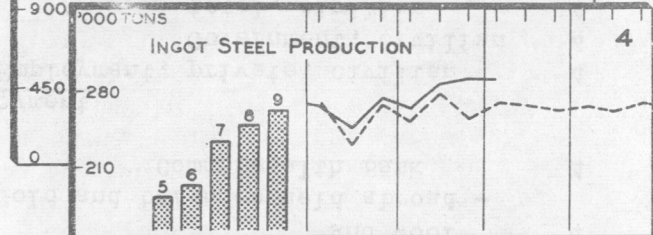
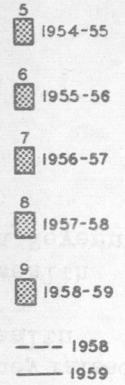
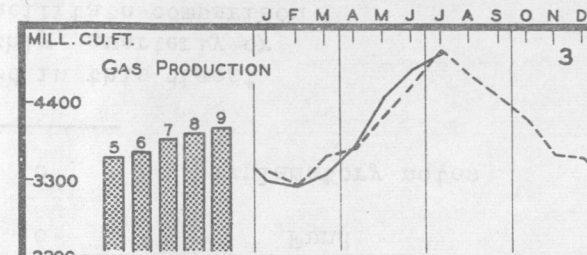
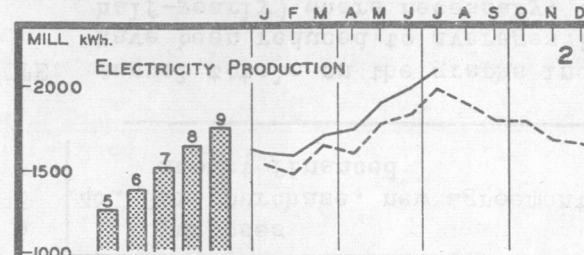
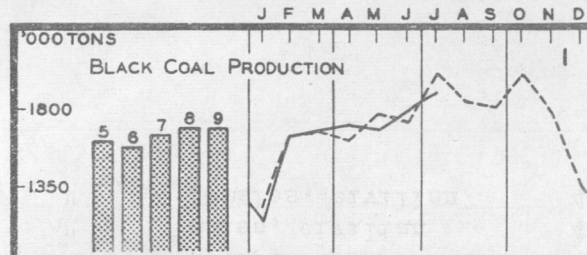
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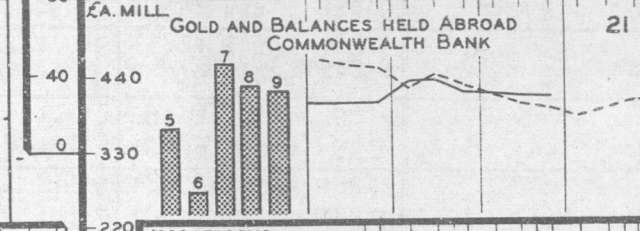
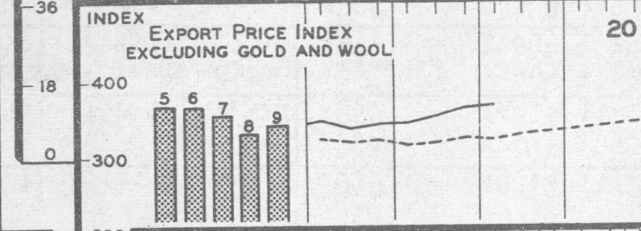
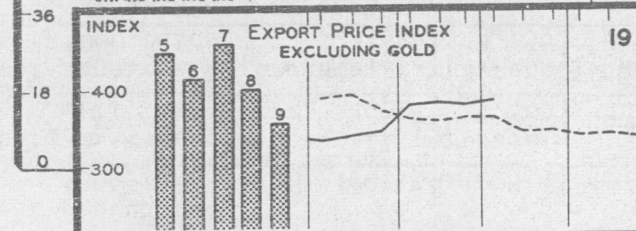
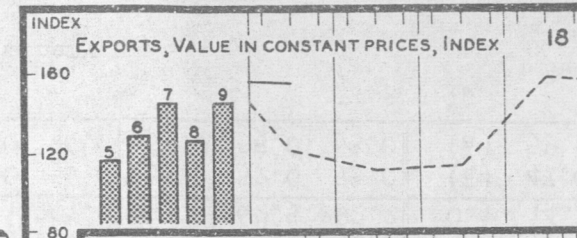
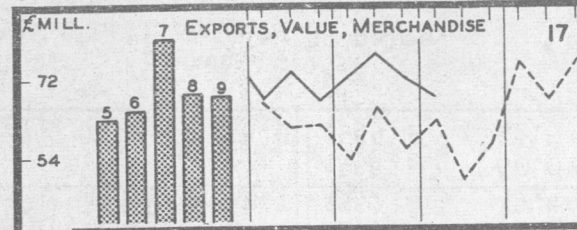
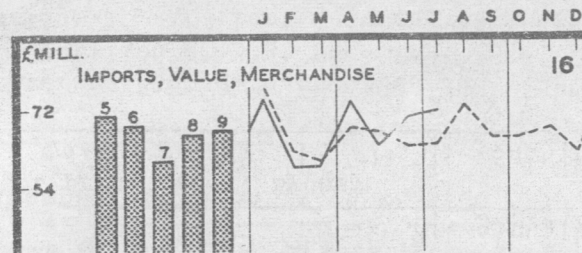
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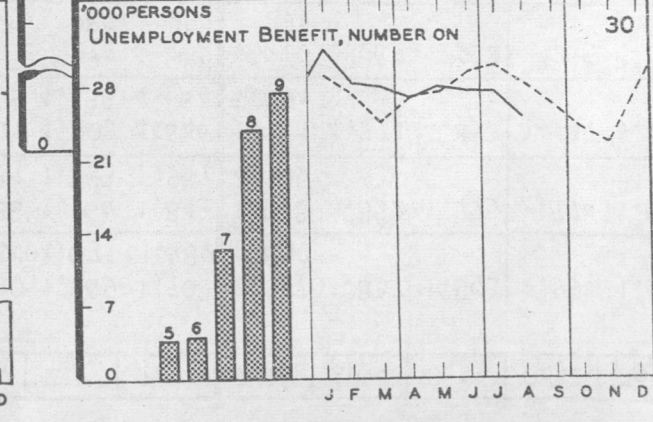
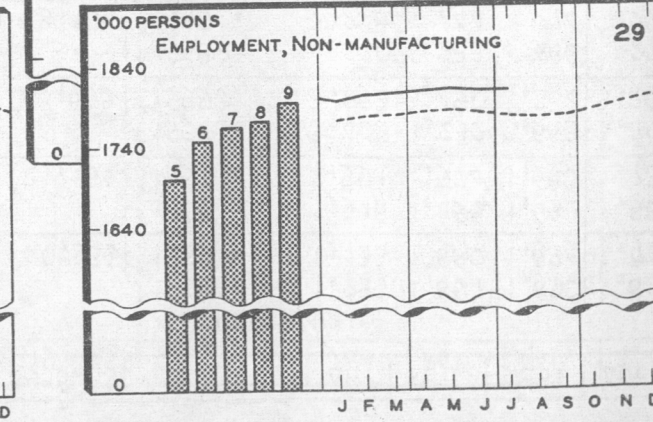
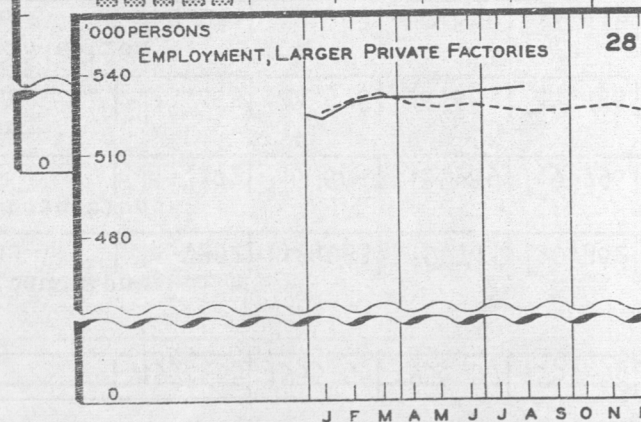
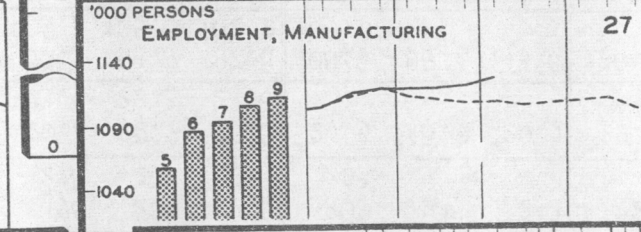
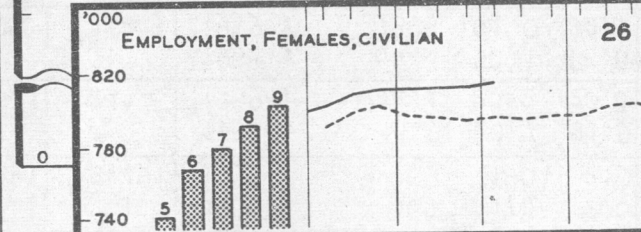
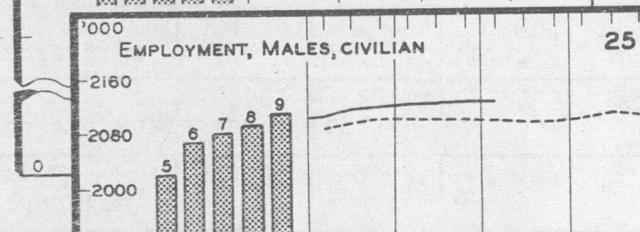
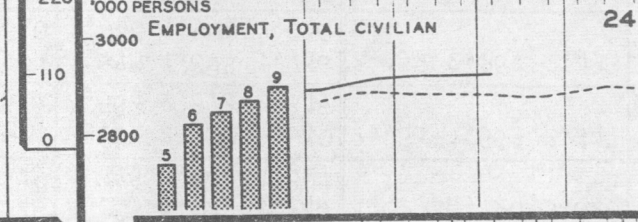
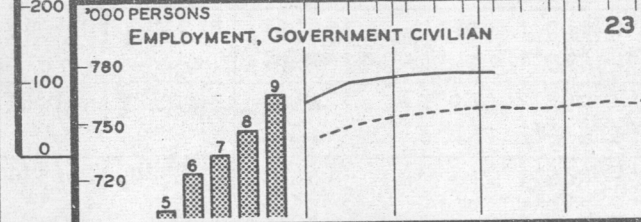
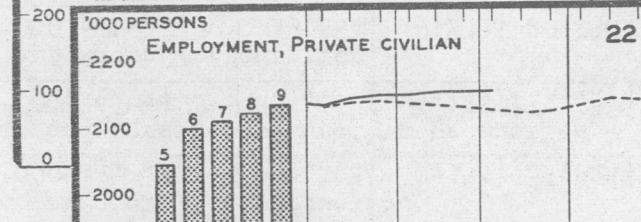
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PRODUCTION																		
1. Black coal production						*1958 :	1,233	1,661	1,670	1,620	1,769	1,708	2,017	1,837	1,803	1,994	1,764	1,349
'000 tons	19,352	19,033	19,711	*20,362	*20,383	*1959 :	1,133	1,660	1,674	1,701	1,671	1,782	1,887					
2. Electricity production						*1958 :	1,518	1,468	1,632	1,588	1,766	1,813	1,968	1,852	1,775	1,774	1,660	1,638
mill. kWh.	15,172	16,675	18,289	*19,796	*21,131	*1959 :	1,591	1,574	1,688	1,731	1,893	1,987	2,105					
3. Gas production						*1958 :	3,429	3,232	3,663	3,701	4,203	4,646	5,131	4,774	4,431	4,147	3,663	3,596
mill. cub. ft.	43,465	44,578	46,653	*47,655	*48,655	*1959 :	3,253	3,190	3,384	3,769	4,453	4,864	5,091					
4. Ingot steel production						1958 :	270	233	266	254	277	257	*270	*267	*264	*265	*263	*270
'000 tons	2,211	2,353	2,810	3,115	*3,195	*1959 :	268	244	274	265	287	292	291					
5. Cement production						*1958 :	167	178	200	196	209	206	209	215	213	224	210	193
'000 tons	1,920	2,035	2,173	*2,291	*2,491	*1959 :	159	190	215	218	232	213	223					
6. Motor vehicle chassis assembled						1958 :	15.9	20.7	21.9	20.4	22.7	20.8	*21.5	*18.9	*20.1	*22.0	*19.7	*16.8
'000	200.6	222.1	193.9	239.1	*241.3	*1959 :	14.4	20.2	20.8	23.0	22.3	21.6						
7. Electric motors under one h.p. production						*1958 :	67.1	90.1	85.8	87.5	93.7	97.8	108.5	99.4	113.6	120.5	114.5	103.4
'000	1,123	1,055	898	*1,066	*1,245	*1959 :	73.3	104.0	92.7	109.3	109.7	102.2	109.0					
8. Cotton woven cloth : production						*1958 :	3,143	3,842	3,848	3,985	4,045	3,746	4,027	3,728	3,829	4,090	3,790	3,205
'000 sq. yd.	34,424	40,151	48,225	*45,797	*44,333	*1959 :	2,914	3,521	3,619	4,176	3,607	3,827						
9. Woollen and worsted woven cloth production						*1958 :	2,194	2,967	2,914	2,688	2,330	1,940	2,053	1,963	2,147	2,510	2,437	2,108
'000 sq. yd.	25,661	25,255	32,782	*32,119	*27,082	*1959 :	1,610	2,456	2,546	2,564	2,373	2,315						
10. Boots and shoes : production						*1958 :	1,163	1,647	1,701	1,675	1,828	1,716	2,152	2,267	2,433	2,486	2,136	1,807
'000 pairs	19,881	19,816	20,938	*21,388	*24,014	*1959 :	1,166	1,811	1,820	1,988	1,902	2,046						
11. Meat production						1958 :	101.6	96.2	101.3	104.3	123.0	123.8	*130.0	*115.1	*119.5	*137.4	*133.5	*131.3
'000 tons	1207.5	1225.1	1270.1	1316.3	*1479.6	*1959 :	107.4	114.5	115.6	120.5	126.4	128.4						
12. Whole milk production, all purposes						1958 :	120.5	105.2	104.3	81.9	69.3	64.4	*71.8	*91.6	*124.5	*156.5	*154.4	*160.4
mill. gals.	1,326	1,402	1,358	1,264	*1,370	*1959 :	148.2	117.4	111.3	91.3	75.2	67.1	74.0					
13. Wool received by brokers, first hand. Cumulative from 1st July						1958 :	3,605	3,716	3,898	4,075	4,225	4,353	262	771	1,648	2,592	3,261	3,540
'000 bales	3,926	4,256	4,867	4,353	4,735	1959 :	3,655	3,793	4,046	4,324	4,561	4,735	296	951				
14. Value of greasy wool sold by brokers. Cumulative from 1st July						1958 :	211.8	249.3	280.2	296.2	315.3	334.8	-	8.2	36.0	69.3	101.4	123.7
£ mill.	347.0	329.4	478.0	334.8	292.7	1959 :	145.4	178.1	201.0	235.5	262.5	292.7	0.1	14.4				
15. Wool price index, Sydney						1958 :	60.0	62.0	56.0	53.0	52.0	53.0	(a)	47.0	47.0	44.5	45.0	43.5
d/lb. greasy	71.3	61.5	76.7	62.4	48.0	1959 :	42.5	45.0	46.0	55.0	55.0	53.0	(a)	59.0				

(a) No sales.

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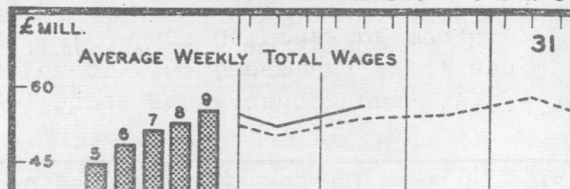
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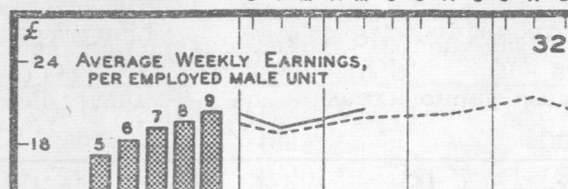
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OVERSEA TRADE																		
16. Imports, value, merchandise £. mill.	841.0	818.3	716.7	789.3	*794.5	1958 :	77.0	62.4	59.4	67.1	66.6	63.2	*63.8	*72.9	*65.5	*65.6	*67.5	*62.0
						*1959 :	74.4	58.5	58.9	73.0	63.1	69.3	70.7	71.1				
17. Exports, value, merchandise £. mill.	758.0	770.8	973.0	811.5	*808.5	1958 :	66.6	60.1	60.9	52.9	64.3	54.9	*61.4	*47.6	*55.7	*74.1	*66.2	*75.7
						*1959 :	66.9	73.9	66.5	72.1	77.3	71.1	66.6	64.4				
18. Exports, value in constant prices, index (a)	115	127	143	126	*143	1958 :		121			109			*112			*158	
						1959 :		*153			*150							
19. Export price index, excluding gold (b)	450	414	464	400	*352	1958 :	387	393	372	358	356	361	361	342	343	*337	*341	*337
						*1959 :	335	340	344	379	383	380	387					
20. Export price index, excluding gold and wool (b)	366	366	353	332	*342	1958 :	325	321	323	319	321	324	323	330	332	*339	*344	*346
						*1959 :	349	341	342	345	352	362	368					
21. Gold and balances held abroad, Commonwealth Bank (c) £ mill.	367	274	465	432	421	1958 :	470	463	458	430	446	432	419	407	399	387	397	411
						1959 :	406	406	406	437	442	421	420	416	*417			
EMPLOYMENT																		
22. Employment, private, civilian (e) '000 persons	2,052	2,111	2,125	2,132	2,141	1958 :	2,132	2,141	2,145	2,138	2,136	2,131	2,128	2,125	2,128	2,133	2,144	2,142
						1959 :	2,135	2,147	2,152	2,152	2,154	2,155	2,157					
23. Employment, Government, civilian '000 persons	706	724	735	748	767	1958 :	745	751	753	755	757	758	759	758	758	759	761	760
						1959 :	766	774	775	777	778	778	*778					
24. Employment, total civilian (e) '000 persons	2,758	2,835	2,860	2,880	2,908	1958 :	2,877	2,892	2,898	2,893	2,893	2,890	2,887	2,883	2,886	2,892	2,905	2,902
						1959 :	2,901	2,921	2,927	2,930	2,932	2,933	2,935					
25. Employment, males, civilian (e) '000	2,018	2,067	2,081	2,089	2,106	1958 :	2,087	2,093	2,097	2,097	2,098	2,098	2,094	2,091	2,092	2,097	2,105	2,101
						1959 :	2,103	2,114	2,117	2,120	2,121	2,122	2,122					
26. Employment, females, civilian (e) '000	740	768	779	791	802	1958 :	790	799	801	796	795	792	793	792	794	795	800	801
						1959 :	798	807	810	810	811	811	*813					
27. Employment, manufacturing '000 persons	1,057	1,089	1,093	1,106	1,113	1958 :	1,105	1,115	1,120	1,113	1,111	1,109	1,108	1,106	1,107	1,109	1,112	1,103
						1959 :	1,106	1,116	1,120	1,120	1,121	1,124	1,126					
28. Employment, larger private factories '000 persons	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	1958 :	525	529	531	527	526	527	526	524	524	525	527	524
						1959 :	522	528	530	529	529	531	*532	*533				
29. Employment, non-manufacturing industries '000 persons (e)	1,701	1,746	1,767	1,774	1,795	1958 :	1,772	1,777	1,778	1,780	1,782	1,781	1,779	1,777	1,779	1,783	1,793	1,799
						1959 :	1,795	1,805	1,807	1,810	1,811	1,809	*1,809					
30. Unemployment benefit, number on '000 persons (f)	3.7	4.0	12.7	23.9	27.3	1958 :	28.8	27.2	24.5	26.8	27.3	29.4	29.9	28.3	26.0	24.0	22.3	27.6
						1959 :	31.5	28.2	27.7	26.8	27.9	27.5	27.4	24.8				

(a) Average, three years ended June, 1950 = 100. (b) Average, three years ended June, 1939 = 100. (c) Total international reserves were £500.0 million at 31st December, 1958, and £516.4 million at 30th June, 1959. (d) Not available. (e) Excluding rural and female private domestics. (f) Last Saturday of month. * Preliminary. / At 9th September.

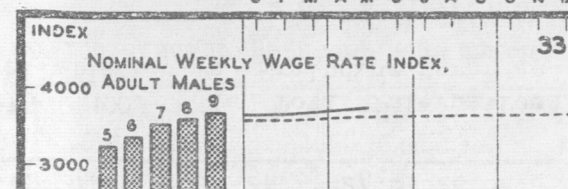
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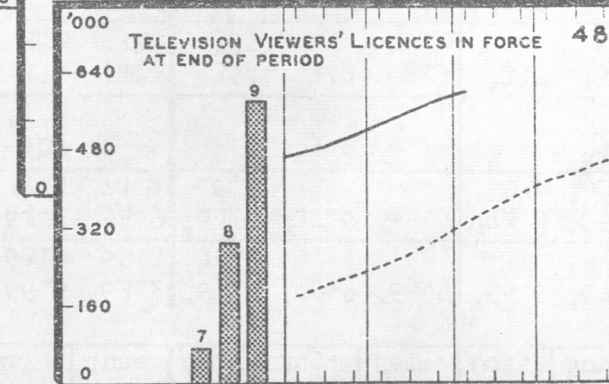
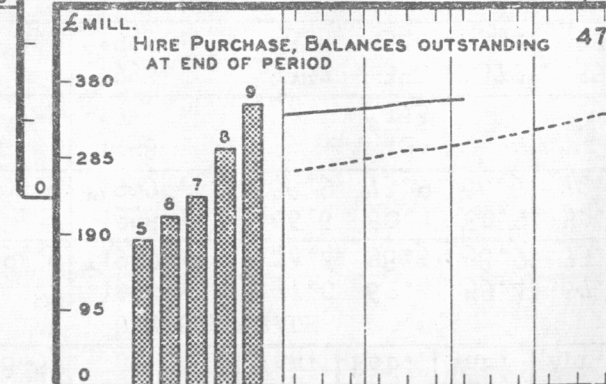
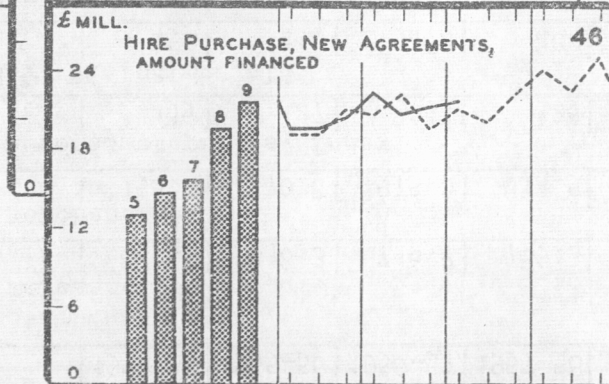
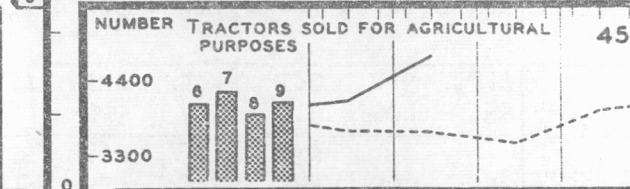
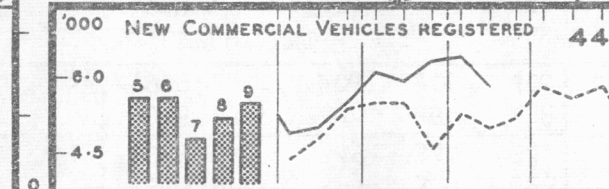
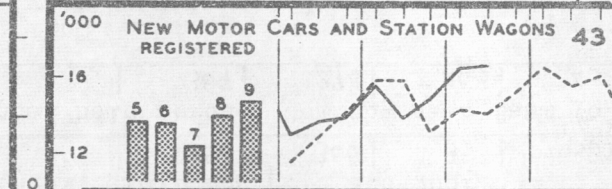
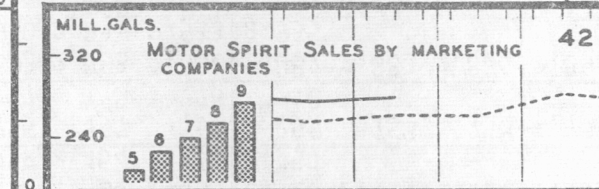
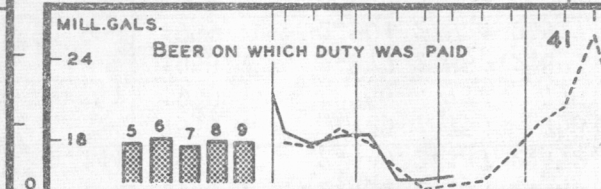
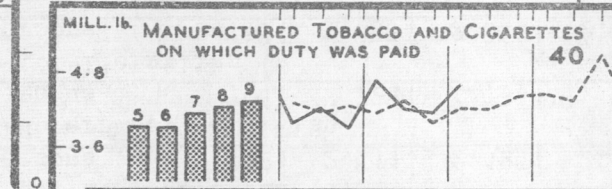
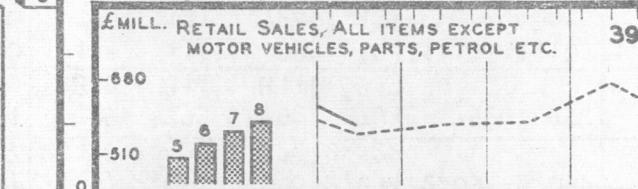
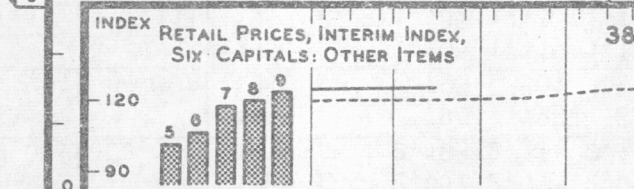
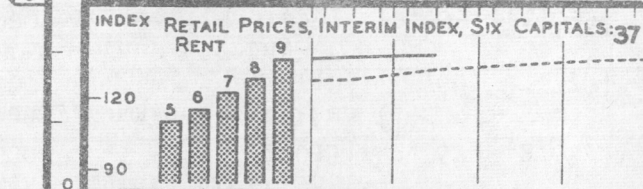
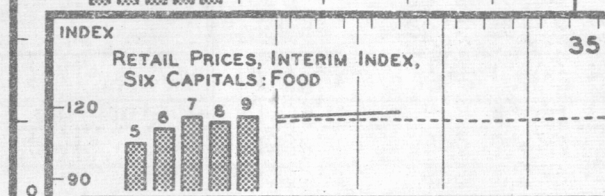
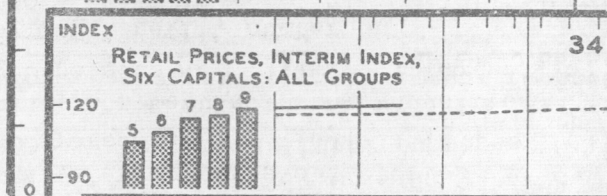
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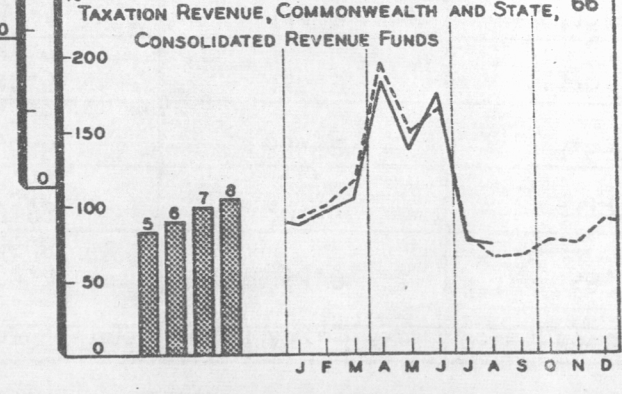
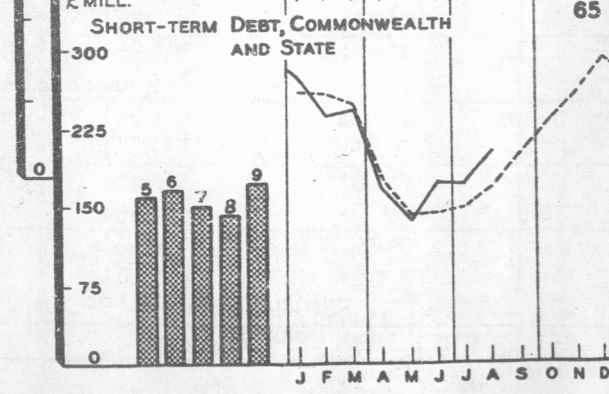
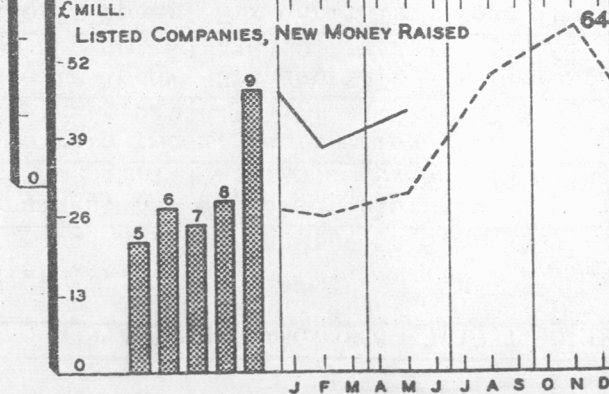
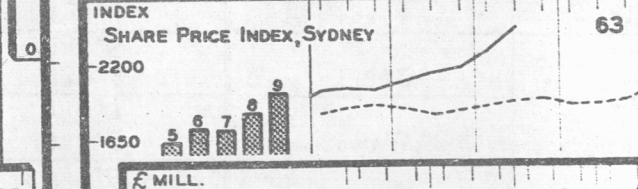
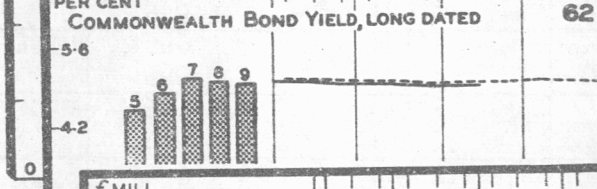
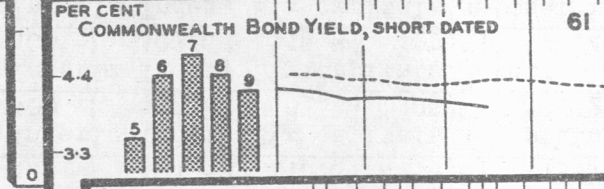
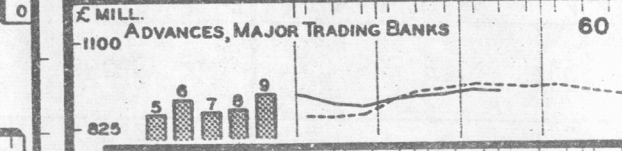
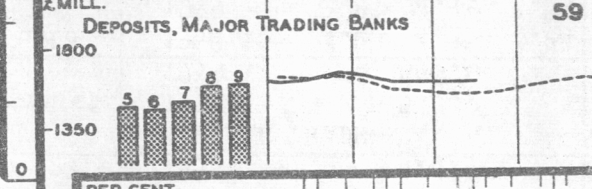
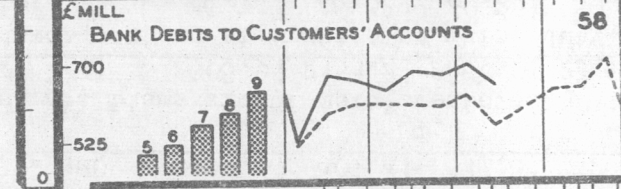
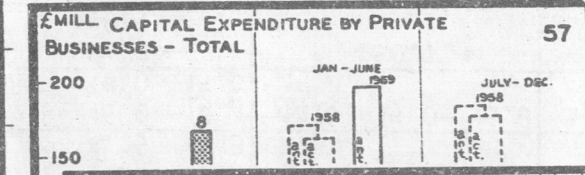
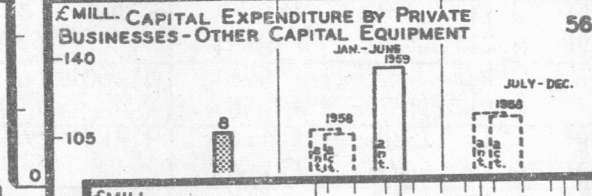
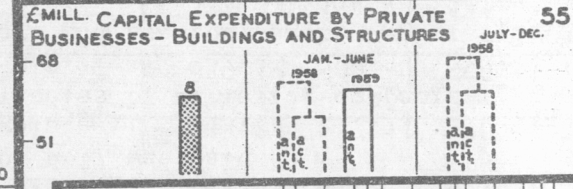
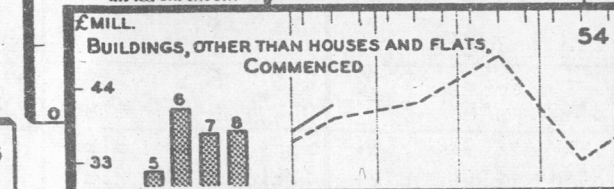
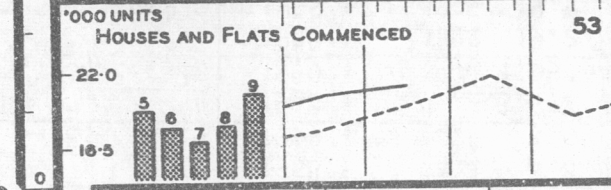
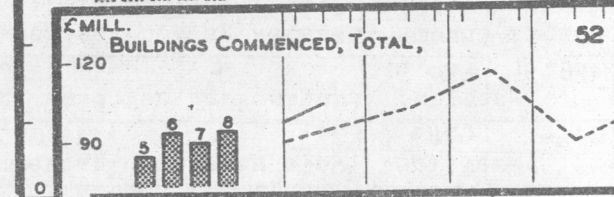
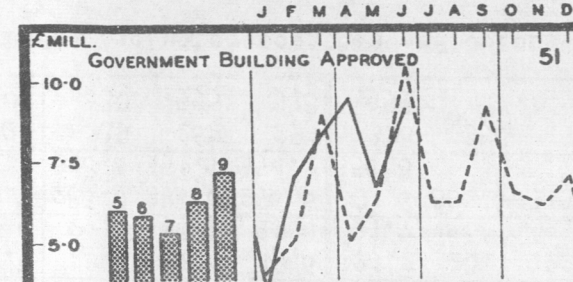
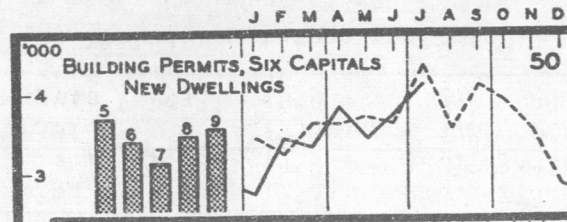
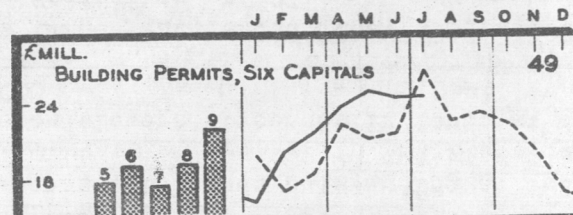
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	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
WAGES, RETAIL PRICES																		
31. Average weekly total wages paid £'000	44.7	48.9	51.6	53.3	55.7	1958 :	50.8				54.4		54.9				58.4	
						1959 :	52.6				56.8							
32. Average weekly earnings, per employed male unit £	17.13	18.28	19.16	19.67	20.31	1958 :	18.68				19.93		20.16				21.35	
						1959 :	19.14				20.57							
33. Nominal weekly wage rate index, adult males (a)	3,249	3,362	3,536	3,605	3,681	1958 :	3,594				3,638		3,652				3,655	
						1959 :	3,668				3,749							
34. Retail prices, Interim Index, Six capitals : All groups (b) 1952-53 = 100	103.6	108.0	114.3	115.6	118.5	1958 :	115.8				116.5		116.9				118.3	
						1959 :	119.0				119.7							
35. Retail prices, Interim Index, Six capitals : Food (b) 1952-53 = 100	104.6	110.6	115.8	113.7	115.9	1958 :	114.4				114.4		114.2				115.1	
						1959 :	116.7				117.6							
36. Retail prices, Interim Index, Six capitals : Clothing 1952-53 = 100	102.4	103.3	105.8	109.2	110.4	1958 :	109.3				110.2		110.3				110.5	
						1959 :	110.3				110.7							
37. Retail prices, Interim Index, Six capitals : Rent 1952-53 = 100	109.6	115.5	122.5	128.4	136.5	1958 :	128.2				132.2		134.2				136.0	
						1959 :	137.4				138.6							
38. Retail prices, Interim Index, Six capitals : Other items 1952-53 = 100	101.4	106.4	117.8	120.2	123.9	1958 :	120.2				120.4		121.4				124.5	
						1959 :	124.7				125.2							
INTERNAL TRADE																		
39. Retail sales, all items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. £ mill.	2008.9	2151.4	2250.0	2346.6		1958 :	561.2				580.6		583.9				669.7	
						1959 :	576.0											
40. Manufactured tobacco and cigarettes on which duty was paid mill. lb.	46.74	46.83	49.29	50.66	51.55	1958 :	4.28	4.15	4.24	4.12	4.32	3.97	4.21	4.20	4.39	4.43	4.32	5.03
						1959 :	3.95	4.19	3.89	4.62	4.19	4.13	4.54					
41. Beer on which duty was paid mill. gals.	213.2	217.1	210.6	215.7	214.8	1958 :	17.9	17.5	18.9	17.8	16.0	14.4	14.6	15.0	16.8	19.1	20.5	25.8
						1959 :	18.7	17.7	18.3	18.3	15.0	15.0	15.4					
42. Motor spirit sales by marketing companies mill. gals.	839.1	909.3	959.4	1018.7	1097.0	1958 :	254.8				261.7		260.7				282.5	
						1959 :	274.3				279.5							
43. New motor cars and station wagons registered '000	163.0	161.7	147.3	166.2	176.3	1958 :	11.5	12.8	14.2	15.8	15.8	13.2	14.3	14.2	15.2	16.5	15.5	16.1
						1959 :	12.9	13.6	13.8	15.5	13.8	14.9	16.4	16.5				
44. New commercial vehicles etc. registered '000	67.0	67.5	58.0	61.8	66.3	1958 :	4.4	4.8	5.4	5.5	5.5	4.6	5.2	5.0	5.2	5.8	5.6	5.8
						1959 :	4.9	5.0	5.5	6.1	5.9	6.3	6.4	5.8				
45. Tractors sold for agricultural purposes No.	-	16,283	16,982	15,726	16,342	1958 :	3,674				3,667		3,502				3,975	
						1959 :	4,097				4,768							
46. Hire purchase, new agreements, amount financed £. mill.	156.2	175.5	188.9	235.6	259.2	1958 :	19.2	19.2	21.3	20.7	22.4	19.6	21.2	20.1	22.3	24.1	22.4	25.0
						1959 :	19.5	19.5	20.4	22.6	20.7	21.4	*21.7					
47. Hire purchase, balances outstanding at end of period £. mill.	182.9	213.0	236.5	296.6	354.2	1958 :	270.5	275.0	279.7	286.0	293.0	296.6	301.6	306.6	313.6	321.4	329.2	338.1
						1959 :	340.7	341.8	344.1	348.4	351.6	354.2	356.8					
48. Television viewers' licences in force at end of period '000	-	-	74	291	578	1958 :	178	200	220	239	262	291	328	358	390	415	433	455
						1959 :	468	484	506	530	555	578	599					

(a) Average three years ended June, 1939 = 1000. (b) Includes potatoes and onions. For index excluding potatoes and onions, see Monthly Review of Business Statistics, p. 27.

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BUILDING																		
49. Building permits, Six capitals						1958 :	19.7	17.0	18.3	22.1	20.9	21.4	26.1	22.3	22.9	22.2	20.0	16.5
£ mill.	214.7	226.6	208.8	229.9	259.9	1959 :	16.0	20.2	21.4	23.5	24.6	24.2	24.3					
50. Building permits, Six capitals, new dwellings						1958 :	3.4	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6	4.4	3.5	4.1	3.9	3.5	2.8
'000 units	44.1	40.3	37.4	41.4	42.5	1959 :	2.7	3.4	3.3	3.8	3.4	3.7	4.1					
51. Government building approved						1958 :	4.0	5.1	8.9	5.0	6.4	10.4	6.2	6.2	9.2	6.5	6.1	7.0
£ mill.	71.5	70.1	62.4	74.0	85.3	1959 :	3.5	7.0	8.3	9.4	6.7	9.1						
52. Buildings commenced, total						1958 :		94.8			102.9		117.1				90.3	
£ mill.	339.9	376.8	359.0	380.1		1959 :		105.1										
53. Houses and flats commenced						1958 :		17.9			19.5		21.6				18.8	
'000 units	77.2	72.6	69.5	73.3	*81.9	1959 :		20.4			*21.1							
54. Buildings, other than houses and flats, commenced						1958 :		39.2			41.7		49.1				33.2	
£ mill.	126.8	164.7	149.5	151.7		1959 :		41.4										
55. New & anticipated capital expenditure by private businesses—buildings & structures						1958 :	(63.0 anticipated)					55.6 actual	(67.6 anticipated) 60.5 actual					
£ mill.	(a)	(a)	(a)	119.6		1959 :	(60.9 anticipated)											
56. New & anticipated capital expenditure by private businesses—other capital equipment						1958 :	(107.3 anticipated)					105.8 actual	(113.9 anticipated) 113.7 actual					
£ mill.	(a)	(a)	(a)	214.2		1959 :	(134.9 anticipated)											
57. New and anticipated capital expenditure by private businesses - total						1958 :	(170.3 anticipated)					161.4 actual	(181.5 anticipated) 174.2 actual					
£ mill.	(a)	(a)	(a)	333.8		1959 :	(195.8 anticipated)											
FINANCE																		
58. Bank debits to customers' accounts (b)						1958 :	513	588	609	609	608	603	623	558	598	640	644	707
£ mill.	492	521	563	592	636	1959 :	524	672	664	639	678	677	704	648				
59. Deposits, major trading banks						1958 :	1,650	1,648	1,659	1,625	1,565	1,558	1,548	1,539	1,546	1,580	1,604	1,626
£ mill.	1,485	1,477	1,513	1,596	1,603	1959 :	1,623	1,645	1,662	1,648	1,612	1,612	1,611	1,614				
60. Advances, major trading banks						1958 :	861	857	863	903	933	946	964	960	949	952	947	932
£ mill.	866	908	869	882	930	1959 :	920	899	886	905	915	916	936	934				
61. Commonwealth bond yield, short dated						1958 :	4.40	4.38	4.30	4.30	4.25	4.25	4.28	4.30	4.30	4.25	4.24	4.23
per cent.	3.49	4.39	4.71	4.38	4.16	1959 :	4.18	4.15	4.00	4.01	4.01	4.00	3.91	3.88				
62. Commonwealth bond yield, long dated						1958 :	5.01	5.01	4.98	4.96	4.96	4.94	4.96	4.97	4.97	4.98	4.96	4.93
per cent.	4.50	4.76	5.06	4.99	4.94	1959 :	4.96	4.95	4.89	4.92	4.95	4.89	4.91	4.89				
63. Share price index, Sydney						1958 :	1,821	1,862	1,867	1,852	1,812	1,838	1,861	1,900	1,914	1,868	1,883	1,914
(c)	1,626	1,726	1,707	1,836	1,966	1959 :	1,967	1,998	1,984	2,045	2,102	2,156	2,271	2,440				
64. Listed companies, new money raised						1958 :		25.8			29.6			49.1			57.0	
£ mill.	87.2	109.2	95.4	113.2	*187.5	1959 :		37.7			*43.7							
65. Short-term debt, Commonwealth and State (d)						1958 :	258	257	247	174	139	140	145	166	198	231	257	287
£ mill.	160	165	150	140	171	1959 :	273	234	243	167	136	171	169	201				
66. Taxation revenue, Commonwealth and State, Consolidated Revenue Funds						1958 :	92.3	98.4	115.7	194.7	149.1	164.1	78.2	65.9	66.9	75.3	74.7	89.6
£ mill.	996	1,070	1,180	1,250	1,225	1959 :	87.8	95.1	101.4	180.9	136.1	172.6	76.9	71.9				

(a) See notes, page 10. (b) Excludes debits to Australian Government accounts at City Branches. (c) Average, three years ended June, 1939 = 1000.

(d) Redeemable in Australia. * Preliminary.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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1.	17	
2. Total electricity generated.	17	
3. Total produced in gas works.	17	
4. Includes recovery from scrap.	17	
5. Portland cement.	23	
6. Excludes assembled chassis imported as such	19	
7. Includes those made and incorporated by manufacturers in their own products.	18	
8. Includes mixtures predominantly of cotton.	20	
9. Includes mixtures predominantly of wool.	21	
10. Includes sandals.	22	
11. In terms of fresh meat (bone-in weight). Total production including estimates for meat produced from animals slaughtered on farms.	14	
12.	11	
13. Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. Bales received into selling brokers' stores for disposal, excluding quantities received for re-sale.	-	
14. The value of wool sold at auction and privately by wool selling brokers, including wool carried over and sold and also wool resold.	-	
15. Average price which a N.S.W. clip of constant average quality would realize if sold at the level of prices obtaining in the specified month. Annual prices are averages of monthly prices weighted by quantity of greasy wool sold in month in N.S.W. They are not therefore average auction prices for the year.	27	
16-17. Excludes bullion and specie. F.O.B. port of shipment	16	
18. The index is calculated by revaluing quantities at the average unit values for the three years ended 30th June, 1950.	1	
19-20.	13	
21. Annual and June: at 30th June, other monthly last Wednesday.	9	
22, 24-26. Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad, and National Service Trainees in camp. Based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment.	12	
23. Includes all employees of Australian government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) whether employed on services such as railways, post office, etc. or in administrative departments.	12	
		27. Figures for periods to June, 1958 are based on the results of annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1958 the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.
		28. Survey conducted jointly with Department of Labour and National Service.
		29. See 22 - above.
		30. Excludes persons receiving sickness benefit and persons receiving the special benefits paid to migrants in reception and training centres.
		31. Derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns, other direct monthly collections and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included.
		32. Male units represent total male employment and a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings.
		33. Based on averages of wage rates for a full week's work (excluding overtime) obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The base of each index number is the weighted average weekly wage for Australia.
		34-38. For detailed information about the weighting pattern and coverage of the Interim Index, see Chapter I of Labour Report No. 46.
		39. Figures relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards.
		40. Annual figures include customs clearances as well as local production on which excise duty was paid. Imports have been extremely small in the period for which monthly figures are shown.
		41. Beer on which excise duty was paid.
		42. Includes also sales by refineries direct to consumers - Source: Department of National Development.
		43-44. Registrations passed through central registration author- ities. Includes all Government-owned vehicles other than Defence Services.
		45. Excludes tractors of less than 10 maximum belt pulley horsepower (wheeled) and 10 maximum draw-bar horsepower (crawler) e.g. small garden tractors.

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46. Figures relate to agreements made in respect of retail sales by finance businesses which are not themselves retailers.	26	58. Monthly averages of weekly figures. Debits to government accounts at city branches are excluded. Figures relate to all cheque-paying banks and the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank.	9
47. Outstanding balances relate to balances owing on all agreements owned by finance businesses and include balances owing on agreements written by retailers but subsequently assigned to finance businesses.	26	59-60. Monthly averages of weekly figures of the Commonwealth Trading Bank and the seven private trading banks.	9,10
48.	15	61-62. Estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5 and 10 or more years respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in the month. Source: Commonwealth Bank.	15
49-50. Building permits granted by local government authorities. Excludes government buildings, except those erected under government home-building schemes where permits are obtained from local government authorities.	15	63. Average of monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital, 75 companies adjusted for change in capital structure. As published by Deputy Commonwealth Statistician, Sydney.	15,27
51. Contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Excludes government buildings erected under government home-building schemes where permits are obtained from local government authorities.	15	64. Companies listed on Australian stock exchanges. New money raised is the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to the issuing companies. The investing public includes banks and life insurance companies (except when subscribing to issues by associated companies) and government and private superannuation funds, but excludes other government agencies. Excludes changes in bank overdrafts and temporary advances.	6
52. Estimated value of buildings on completion, excluding land.	3	65. Excludes overdrafts and internal Treasury Bills.	15
53. Excludes conversions to flats.	15	66. Excludes taxation collections paid direct to Trust Funds, e.g. motor taxes.	-
54. See 52 - above.	3		
55-57. Statistics are from returns showing actual expenditure for previous half-year and anticipated expenditure for next half-year, obtained from private businesses subject to Pay-roll Tax (other than rural, professional, gas and electricity), from government banks and airlines, and from other businesses undertaking projects of more than £250,000 in any half-year. Figures with slightly different coverage are available for years 1953-54 to 1956-57 inclusive.	2		

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Yearly. Capital and Maintenance Expenditure by Private Businesses in Australia	2	Meat Industry Bulletin	14
Quarterly. Building Statistics, Bulletin of Building Statistics, Number of Houses and Flats (Preliminary estimates)	3	Monthly Review of Business Statistics	15
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